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Practitioner Laura Arseneau treats canines like her 15-year-old pooch Desmond with massage therapy to treat arthritis and another medical issues. See page 3 for the story.

Economic outlook grows a few shades greener

Fort Erie adapts
Official Plan to
include medical
marijuana facilities

Jennifer Chornley
For The Times

Fort Erie's economic outlook has grown a few shades greener.

The green seeds were planted Monday night by town council members who approved a bylaw amendment to the Town's Official Plan to include the expansion of medical marijuana grow and production facilities into the area.

This decision comes in response to accommodating the newly-approved and revised Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations. The MMPR were established in 2001 and allowed those suffering from grave and debilitating illnesses to access marijuana for medical use.

Under these regulations, authorized users could grow their own medical marijuana in their homes and gardens.

However, a number of health and safety concerns such as improper ventilation, and fire hazards arose within municipalities across Canada, including Fort Erie. The town report noted a

licensing framework has been established to allow larger production, processing and distribution of dried marijuana for medical purposes.

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Province commits \$26 million to new south Niagara hospital

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

The province has committed \$26.2 million toward the planning of a south Niagara hospital on the outskirts of Niagara Falls.

The announcement was made Monday afternoon by Health Minister Deb Matthews, near a billboard touting a property at Montrose and Lyons Creek Rds. as the future home of a south Niagara hospital.

The government said in November it was prepared to move forward with a planning grant, but did not disclose a dollar figure.

"This is a giant step for-

ward," said Matthews. "It has not been easy, it has not been smooth, but here we are today and I very much look forward to being here for the groundbreaking and then the official opening."

The grant also supports two urgent-care centres in south Niagara.

The planning process will involve appointing services to be provided, as well as the size and site of the hospital and urgent-care centres.

Newly appointed Niagara Health System chief executive officer Kevin Smith -- who has been the NHS supervisor since 2011 -- said the timeline for construction could be 12 to 18 months.

He said appropriate requests for proposals and clinical information, such as bed numbers, need to be considered prior to the building of a new site.

"The siting of urgent care will very much be associated with the planning for the new site," said Smith.

He said it's too early to say what the final price tag for the entire project will be.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said building the hospital is about creating efficiency, saving money and providing the most up-to-date and accessible health care for the residents of south Niagara.

"Today is the official start

of better health care at a better price for all the residents of south Niagara," he said.

"You're going to have critical mass, you're going to attract the best and the brightest of the doctors, and you're going to get the absolute best care. It's a good investment. We're going to step up now and we're going to ... raise the necessary funds."

Smith said a new hospital is the way forward to ensure the hospital system meets growing health-care demands.

"This hospital will become a hub for high quality, patient-centred care. Today is an exciting first step in that

direction," he said.

Recommended by Smith in September 2012, a proposal for a south Niagara hospital made significant progress last year.

Diodati announced in March the Grassi family, who are businesspeople from Toronto but who own land in Niagara Falls, agreed to donate 30 acres of serviced land at Montrose and Lyons Creek Rds. for the project.

The Progressive Conservatives were the first provincial party to endorse the project. Party leader Tim Hudak called on the Liberals to approve a planning grant to get the process started, which the government did.

The Local Health Integration Network then unanimously approved the recommended hospital's programs and services.

The New Democratic Party supports the idea of a hospital being built in Niagara Falls, but not closing other hospitals in Niagara.

The NHS proposal is for a new south Niagara hospital to replace aging sites in Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort Erie, Welland and Port Colborne.

Niagara Falls city council has agreed to commit \$22 million toward the project. Fort Erie town council has pledged \$3 million.

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Thibert presents EDTC budget, says Fort Erie is 'open for business'

Jennifer Chornley
For The Times

Fort Erie is open for business.

That's the message Jim Thibert, General Manager, Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation would like the town to relay in its attempts to attract economic development to Fort Erie.

Thibert was on hand last

Wednesday to report on the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation's 2014 operating budget.

Town council approved the EDTC's \$630,767 grant request to be incorporated into the consolidated operating budget and considered as part of the General Levy Operating Budget on Jan. 25. The EDTC requested an additional \$48,361 to replenish its reserve and \$100,000

for a Fort Erie Competitiveness Study.

Yet, the concept of déjà vu seems to creep into the annual reports. Thibert presented a handful of repetitive issues and items including skills gaps and shortages in Fort Erie, lack of serviced industrial lands provincially significant wetlands which is constraining lands for development and business expansion and manufacturing costs such as labour, cost of energy, cost of capital.

The skills gaps and shortages issues, were originally presented in the 2009 EDTC report.

Thibert said, of Fort Erie's industrial base companies with more than 50 full-time employees, a majority of them confirmed again in 2013 they are experiencing difficulty finding appropriately-trained prospects.

"There are quality jobs available in Fort Erie," Thibert stated.

"But a significant one remains with the job hunter to ensure their skills (supply) are aligned with the requirements of the employers/industry (demand)."

"Stop pandering to constituents who say 'there are no jobs in Fort Erie, no future'

and instead, steer them in the right direction," Thibert added as a comment directed to the town.

The lack of serviced and serviceable industrial development lands has been incorporated in the EDTC's report over the past 10 budget submissions. Thibert said the inability to rezone unused agricultural into commercial and industrial designations also poses a problem for future expansion. The town also needs to step up communications with the province in regards to PSW's implications which continue to split assessment value and developable land from Fort Erie.

Fort Erie's economic status was also included in the report.

Industry has remained stable emphasizing that manufacturing in Niagara, especially in Fort Erie, is "not dead." The hiring forecast "sunny" for Fort Erie, accord-

ing to Manpower Canada Employment Outlook Survey in fall 2013.

About 17% per cent of Fort Erie's employers plan to hire new employees in quarter of 2014, while 73% of Fort Erie's employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels.

The tourism sector is weakening, but has potential. Thibert says the Canadian Motor Speedway development presents huge potential to revitalize Fort Erie's tourism product offering. In addition, interest in the Crystal Beach area from within and around the GTA has increased steadily.

The gaming industry is continually declining, however; efforts remain ongoing by the FELRC in their endeavour to secure the long-term viability of the Fort Erie Race Track.

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Woman wants community to be aware of fraudulent letter

➤ **Marguerite Hanratty wants people to be aware of letter scam**

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When Marguerite Hanratty opened a letter she received last Wednesday, she immediately knew what the letter said was a scam.

The Fort Erie resident said the letter allegedly came from JM Solicitors, a lawyer firm in Spain, which asked

her to contact them because a person who bears the same surname as Hanratty has died and left behind \$6 million.

"I could tell right away when I looked at the letter that it was an amateur job," Hanratty said.

The letter asked Hanratty to pretend she was related to a deceased man so she could collect the money he left behind.

"It said a man named Alex Hanratty was deceased. He and his family died in 2007 as a result of some sort of catatylism," she said.

"They want me to contact them even if they don't think

I'm related because they think I might be able to access the money," she added.

Hanratty wants the public to be aware of the letter she received so if someone else receives a similar letter, he or she will not be fooled by it.

Sgt. Paul Spirdell of the Niagara Regional Police Central Fraud Unit said scams like the letter Hanratty received are starting to see a resurgence.

"Groups used to send scams by letter, fax and then e-mail but e-mail filters are catching spam letters," Spirdell said.

"Most of the time, it will

say something along the lines of John Doe has passed away and they haven't been able to find the next of kin so they ask you to pose as the next of kin," he added.

After the initial letter is received, Spirdell said people who fall for the scam are asked to send money for a variety of reasons and scammers "continuously milk you for money."

The problem is that when someone receives a letter in the mail that is a scam, he or she can easily be convinced it's true.

When people receive a letter that they believe to be a scam, Spirdell said it should



Marguerite Hanratty

be tossed in the garbage.

"People can report it (the scam) to us but there's not much else we can do to trace

it. We have a hard time investigating when people fall victim to these scams."

Spirdell said there are a few key indicators of whether or not a scam is involved such as an organization or individual asking you for money.

"In the case of the letter (Hanratty received), they're treating about pretending to be somebody else and they're coaching you into a criminal offense."

To report a scam contact the Niagara Regional Police at 905-688-4111.

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Animal lover heals canines with mobile massage service

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Desmond, a lab mix rested on a mat on the floor while he patiently waited for his owner to give him a canine massage.

He was waiting for the touch of relief his owner would provide him from his pain.

Practitioner Laura Arseneau knows where every tight and painful muscle is in her 15-year-old pooch's body.

Arseneau placed her hands on Desmond's ears as she sat down and began to gently rub and work her hands over his head, down his spine and to his hips.

As she focused on massaging Desmond's muscles, Arseneau knew she is improving the health of her canine friend.

Desmond suffers from severe arthritis in his limbs and Arseneau eases his pain with massage about once or twice a week.

Massage is used to treat a variety of medical issues in humans such as anxiety, sports injuries and headaches. But some people might not realize that massage can have just as many benefits for animals, Arseneau said.

Massaging a dog is different from petting him or her. Arseneau explained massage therapy for dogs is "intentional touch."

"When I am giving a dog a massage, I'm not just stroking him. I have a knowledge of his muscles," she said.

"Before I massage a dog, I do an assessment of his needs, and then I work on particular muscles that needs attention."

Arseneau's goal with Four her new business Paws Wellness is to alleviate suffering with one dog, and a cat at a time.

"You can even massage cats, too," Arseneau said.

Arseneau also has Gaddy, a

three-legged cat that she massages to provide pain relief."

Arseneau said canine massage is a fairly new field which follows in the footsteps of Equine massage. Massage has a number of benefits such as treating arthritis, lameness issues and it speeds healing after surgery.

Arseneau opened Four Paws Wellness in the fall and she is still trying to spread the word about how massage therapy can benefit dogs. She works alongside veterinarians and

performs massages on pooches through a veterinarian's referral.

Arseneau provides a mobile service and will travel anywhere in the Niagara region to provide canine massage therapy.

She is trained through the Caninology Institute and performed 300 hours of specialized training in canine anatomy, movement and muscular health.

Along with the health benefits of canine massage, Arseneau knows that massaging your

pooch helps you to bond with him or her.

"They (dogs) love it (massages). There has to be a connection when giving a massage because they have to be comfortable with what you're doing," Arseneau said.

"Once they become comfortable and trust me, they think 'This lady is providing me with something that feels good.' By the end of it, they're asleep."

Arseneau also provides Bach Flower remedies, which is a holistic approach to deal with

negative behaviour issues.

Arseneau said people turn to alternative therapies as a last resort when the only option is to put an animal down because of pain and mobility issues or behaviour problems. Arseneau hopes to become an advocate for animals who are silently suffering and to provide them with relief and increasing their lifespan.

"Sometimes an animal has pain and they can't tell you," she said.
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Pilot project to help with truck traffic problems at Peace Bridge

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A pilot project could alleviate some of the congestion at the Peace Bridge. Ron Rienas, the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Peace Bridge Authority's general manager, said a pilot project which will begin this month will test the feasibility of relocating commercial inspection booths from the U.S. to Canada. The pilot project would allow U.S. officers to pre-inspect trucks entering into the U.S. from Canada.

"We have seven commercial inspection booths and a very constrained plaza on the U.S. side," Rienas said.

"If the pilot project is successful, it would mean

we could construct 12 or 13 booths on the Canadian side," he added.

Rienas said the pilot project is part of The Beyond the Border agreement between Canada and the U.S. The agreement calls for better coordination at land border crossings between both countries.

During the pilot project, the Peace Bridge Authority will "ramp up" seasonal staff and the project will operate from Monday to Thursday during predetermined times, Rienas said.

The pilot project will run until the end of 2014. If the project is successful, Rienas said a new pre-inspection booths on the Canadian side is "still a few years away."

"I think it will be successful. What remains to be worked out between Canada and the U.S. are the legal issues related to U.S. officials working in Canada," Rienas said.

"All of those issues are being worked on right now," he said.

When the staging yard on the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge is full with trucks, Rienas said the Peace Bridges operates as if it were a two-lane bridge with two lanes for motorists coming from and going to Canada.

"What the intent of this pilot project is to not have these types of queues on the bridge," he said.

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Martin is supportive of report

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Residential and housing industry has stalled. However, there is potential as the demand

for new construction from the GTA market remains strong, with additional, large-scale residential developments scheduled to begin in 2014 in the Ridgeway and Thunder Bay and Crystal Beach areas.

The retail and commercial aspects are strengthening and have potential for even more growth.

Commercial building permits numbers in 2012 were on par with 2011. Many of the facilities approved in 2012 are now currently complete or nearing completion and will be evidenced in

no point in "sugar-coating" the issues and what needs to be done. "As the adage goes, it takes money to make money."

Coun. Stephen Passero described the presentation as "forthright" and liked Thiher's attitude that Fort Erie is open for business. "For economic development to be successful, it's not a series of policies it's an attitude."

Mayor Doug Martin also expressed support for the report. He did admit that, at times over the years, council has not always shown to present itself as a co-operative, adhesive body. However, he did say that by not putting up road blocks and moving forward in a positive, co-operative way will allow the town the confidence it needs to achieve the economic growth for a sustainable future.

"The question I pose to council is what I would like to see council want to be?" Thiher asked. "Let's work on becoming the place to be for investing and devoting, with a 'déjà vu' and there was

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By **Arlene Miller, M.D. Sc.**
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CHILDREN WITH RINGING IN THEIR EARS

Hearing and buzzing in the ears, called "tinnitus," is caused by prolonged exposure to loud noise that causes hearing damage. This is a recent onset associated with ringing, tinnitus, and other adults who have experienced a lifetime of hearing noise that leads to hearing loss. However, new research shows that one in five children of high school age experience tinnitus in their ears. Three out of four kids reported experiencing tinnitus, which often results from as little as a single exposure to loud noise. Equally alarming is the finding that only five percent of the children surveyed said that they used hearing protection, such as earplugs, which can greatly help prevent tinnitus and hearing loss.

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Facility expected to bring jobs to Niagara region

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Grow operations in homes will be illegal and production of medical marijuana will only be allowed in operations run by commercial growers.

The changes were good news to Patrick Gagne and Dr. Francis Dubé of Cannasure Corporation needed to hear.

They told council Monday they will now be able to move forward in securing a location in Fort Erie to begin production of medical marijuana, a process they are hopeful will be underway within a month.

"Cannasure will be focusing on the medical benefits of marijuana, removing the 'euphoric' effects of the plant," Gagne explained.

Cannasure will be partnering with area businesses that will be utilizing the product into various medical forms—topical and edible—to provide patients care. Gagne said potential products are suitable for treating patients as young and five and as old as 95.

Gagne said the new facility will create jobs in the Niagara region. Cannasure's business approach includes "keeping home" meaning product and business support won't be outsourced as they will provide the assistance needed for smaller companies to get the job done.

Gagne said Cannasure is projected to be 70% product production and 30% call centre

within the next five years.

With the call centre aspect of the business, patients will receive support, from initial product consultation to usage. Cannasure will work with medical professionals and other products for hospice care facilities and retirement homes.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill was "energized" to see such an unique opportunity presented in Fort Erie and predicted Cannasure's "keeping it home" focus of economic growth.

In it's first year, Gagne projected Cannasure will have a payroll base of about \$750,000 expanding into \$7 million at the end of its initial five-year growth plan.

If successful in securing its ideal location, Cannasure will see a six-phase building growth that will utilize the facility's maximum potential building.

Health Canada will oversee licensing and Cannasure will have to meet extensive security and quality control requirements according to town staff's report.

The town's bylaws will be amended to set out specific regulations and to ensure these facilities are treated similarly to greenhouse facilities, with five proposed changes.

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Do You Remember?

As of yet, we have not received any calls or e-mails about last week's photo of the beginner skier.

If you clipped the photo (top left) and meant to call, remember, it is never too late.

The LeBlanc family, shown in the tree-trimming photo, (left) were all together when their paper arrived on boxing day.

They told us it was like receiving another present.

This week's photo appears

to have been taken at a blood donor clinic.

Does anyone know the people in the photo or where this clinic would have been held? Please call the Museum at 905-841-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

Is it possible to catch an infection on an airplane or is it a myth?



Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

"Did I catch this infection on the plane?" I wondered.

I'm sure, like me, you have often asked yourself the same question, particularly if you've landed in a tropical paradise and a cold is the last thing you need.

So what is the risk of picking up a bug on a plane and how can you avoid it? And should airlines add something to a

certain door?

Dr. Jessica Nutik Zitter, a researcher at the University of California, San Francisco, studied 1,100 passengers traveling between San Francisco and Denver, Colorado, on planes that had newer air recirculating systems and those that use fresh air for ventilation. About 21% of passengers aboard fresh air planes reported colds within one week, compared to 19% of those breathing recirculated air.

Dr. Derek Johnston, a specialist in pediatric allergy and immunology at Temple University in Philadelphia, says, "It doesn't matter if you're breathing recirculated air or fresh air. If the germs are there, you're going to get sick and it's due to confined space."

Airline officials agree the

risk is proximity, and if you had 400 people sitting close together on the Trans-Siberian Railway the same number would catch colds, namely about one in five who travel in confined space.

So what can you do to avoid being the one in five that wished they had stayed home in the safety of their bed?

Dr. Charles Gerba, at the University of Arizona, is an expert on what the medical community labels "fomites", namely objects that are liable to carry germs. He says the first thing to remember is that bugs are everywhere on the plane.

I always ask for an aisle seat as it's easier to get up and walk around. But Gerber says that's my first mistake, as it's the seat most likely to be contaminated. Just watch people going to the bathroom and

later touching every aisle seat as they steady themselves walking back to their seats.

Gerba relates the story of one flight. Passengers afflicted with norovirus caused such a lineup at the bathroom the flight had to make an emergency landing. Later, a study conducted by the Center for Disease Control, showed that those sitting in aisle seats were the ones most likely to have contracted a virus.

But there is a ground zero" on every plane. The toilet. It warrants the analytical eye of a Sherlock Holmes. Next time you're on a plane do your own count, but normally there's one toilet for every 50 passengers, and on some flights one for 75. Moreover, these toilets are used by hundreds of people daily. What awaits you are fecal bacteria, norovirus, seasonal flu and the common

cold.

Moreover, toilets in planes are small, making it even more difficult to perform routine hygienic measures. In fact, today with the epidemic of obesity it's hard for some people to even squeeze through the door. Add to this small sinks which make it tedious to wash hands. Besides, Gerba cautions, even the sink may be contaminated.

Fecal bacteria can also contaminate your complimentary pillow and eating tray. In one study, Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus (MRSA), a deadly superbug, was found on 60 percent of airline trays. On a recent flight I noticed one couple cleaning their pull-down tray with Clorox wipes along with hand sanitizers.

You have to conclude that boarding a plane carries infec-

tion risks. But it's not just the fault of airlines. Humans can be their own worst enemy by failing to wash hands after a bowel movement. In one study, medical students were stationed in a public wash-room during a medical convention. They reported that 50 percent of physicians left the washroom without even turning on the tap! And the convention was about infectious disease!

Here's a suggestion for airlines to help eliminate the one in five of us who develop a cold. In all my travels I've yet to see a hand sanitizer outside the plane's toilet door. Surely it would remind those who do not wash their hands to do so. It would also make my aisle seat much safer.

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opinion page

Harry Potter fans welcome to join wizard club



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

Harry Potter, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and the world created around them by J.K. Rowling have delighted and fascinated readers of all ages since they first appeared in the summer of 1997.

Users of the Fort Erie

Public Library have been fans of the Harry Potter series from the beginning.

We have enjoyed the books and the films, and now the library is offering a Harry Potter Club for Grades 5 and up.

Registration is open at Hogwarts and they want you!

Be sorted into your house, learn to play Quidditch, and study subjects such as Potions, Astronomy, Herbology, and Charms.

There are lots of great activities. You do not need to have read the books or seen the movies to join the club.

Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$2.

The Harry Potter Club will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23 starting at 4 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

In February, the Harry Potter Club will meet at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday, Feb. 18 and on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Centennial branch.

For all things Harry Potter, visit the library's website at www.fepcl.ca and type J.K. Rowling in the search bar at the top of the page. The offerings will include Casual Vacancy and Cuckoo's Calling. Rowling's post-Potter fiction for teens and adults.

Movies playing at the library this week include tonight's special feature, *Lee Daniels' The Butler*.

Based on a true story, Daniels' film follows the career of a White House butler who served seven American presidents over three decades.

The story traces the social changes that altered American culture and politics during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those tremors affected one man's life and family.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. and rated 14A, *The Butler* features Oprah Winfrey, Forest Whitaker, Jane Fonda, John Cusack, Lenny Kravitz, Robin Williams, James Marsden, Alan Rickman and Terrence Howard.

An interesting aspect of the film is the roll call of talented actors playing presidents and first ladies.

Space Buddies is the Saturday matinee on Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. In this family fantasy adventure, Disney's pups are back and take one small step for dog and one giant leap for dogkind.

Enough Said, the film next Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20 and 21, stars Julia-Louis Dreyfus and the late James Gandolfini in a story that is part comedy, part drama and part romance.

All movies are \$3. Saturday, Jan. 18 Lego fans of all ages can head to the Crystal Ridge Branch for the monthly Lego Maker Club. Come at 2:30 p.m.

and see what this month's building challenge is.

The Trading Post will also be open for Mini-Fig trading.

Knitting on Thursdays at Crystal Ridge, Ready to Read at both Crystal Ridge and Centennial branches and Born to Read on Thursday afternoons at Centennial branch are all regular programming that continues through February.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

Sanctuary undergoes renovations



As we are racing through the month of January a lot of changes at The Sanctuary are taking place.

Since this week, the downstairs space is under construction.

Workers are walking all over the Sanctuary, cutting up the flooring and trying to figure all the hidden pipes. The Sanctuary is getting outfitted to hold a much bigger and better Brimstone Brewing Company with all the trimmings so to speak including a Tab Room and a patio for the summer.

The partners are getting ready to inspect the new

shiny equipment overseas shortly. It's very exciting and I can't wait to see the finished product.

The Fort Erie Arts council and the wonderful Laurie kicked off the first session of the new Kidoodle Art class for kids last Tuesday. I deeply enjoy seeing all the little faces bend over their projects with such pleasure and pride when they realize what they have accomplished. So if you have missed the first class and have an art loving child, check with the Arts Council to see if there is still room for one more.

On January 25, we have some special guests coming to Ridgeway. You probably heard of the iconic Arrogant Worms, who have been making humorous music since 1991. That makes more than 20 years and 13 albums of parodying Rock, Country, folk, ballads and children's music. And everything started in our

own Kingston, Ont.

The Arrogant Worms are consisting of Chris Patterson on the Bass guitar, Mike McCormick on the guitar and Trevor Strong as the lead vocalist.

I am looking forward to hearing and seeing The Worms perform songs like Proud to be Canadian and Carrot Juice Murder.

Super Silly Fun Time Kid's Dance Party is back. Mark your calendars for Saturday Feb. 1, from 11 am to 1 pm.

Bring your dancing shoes and some canned goods as a donation to COPE. Join the Super Silly Fun Time Kid's Dance Party on Facebook for more updates.

If you are looking to do something for your fitness, check out Hoop Fit Monday starting Jan. 20, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm running until March 17.

Become part of the Hooping Niagara on Facebook for more

updates.

The Belly Dancing class will resume on Wednesday Feb. 5 for another 13 weeks (ends April 30).

Beginners learn to move their bellies and hips from 6pm to 7pm. Intermediates will pick up the slack from 7pm to 8pm.

For more information about classes and entertainment, visit the Sanctuary's website at www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

I also would like to encourage you to email me at thesanctuaryarts@gmail.com, if you have any thoughts or ideas of what you would like to see on the Sanctuary's stage.

For next week, I will report back on The Arrogant Worms show in case you have to miss it.

Nadine Forstenberg is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

Reader disagrees with NRP decision to publish names of people with DUIs

Dear Editor,

I disagree with the Niagara Regional Police's decision to publish the names of individuals 'charged' (only) with DUI.

This is excessive and even, I believe, contrary to the fundamental principle of our justice system of 'innocent until proven guilty', and that better that some guilty go 'free' than that one innocent be condemned, as the police seem to suspect.

I wonder whether it is

even legal and constitutional; it is certainly a derogation from privacy rights whatever the legalities concerned.

I also doubt that it has any deterrent value: if the already substantial list of reasons not to DUI (risks of getting caught, personal injury, injury to others, damaged car, insurance impact, potential legal penalties) does not deter, I doubt that 'naming names' will carry any weight whatsoever.

Thus, I seriously question whether the police's decision is right and just, or has any deterrent, or other, practical value—it may well even detract from the respect for its intended purpose, and the relevant laws existing.

In sum, a misguided decision at best, and contrary to the essence of our justice system.

I would appreciate that this message be brought to the attention of the Police Services Board.

Rick Kirby

Kevin Smith appointed new CEO for the Niagara Health System

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

Kevin Smith says he's looking forward to a new spirit of regional co-opera-

tion in his new role as the Niagara Health System's CEO.

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been taken out of supervision, which it has been under for approximately two years. So while Smith is no longer the supervisor, the 51-year-old Burlington resident will continue with the NHS as its chief executive officer.

The NHS has signed a management contract with St. Joseph's Health System in Hamilton, where Smith is president and chief executive officer, allowing him to hold the Niagara job.

"I've been so impressed by the region and by the degree of cohesion I have found trying to moving things forward," said Smith in an interview after the announcement.

He said he's especially happy the province has committed \$26.2 million toward planning a south Niagara hospital in Niagara Falls.

"I'm obviously very pleased the government of Ontario has made such a terrific investment in our planning grant," Smith said. "Both in a new southern site, as well as two urgent-care centres."

"And I'm obviously glad to have the NHS out of supervision, so the community-based board can get back to governing."

The province appointed Smith NHS supervisor in August 2011.

The idea was for him to change the culture of the hospital system — which was being heavily criticized by many Niagara residents and politicians for not tak-

ing public concerns into account when making controversial decisions.

Smith spoke of his coming priorities, which he said include "building a system not just building a hospital (and) working as aggressively as we can on ... what the needs of patients across Niagara are."

He said a two-fold goal is an environment where patients "feel they're getting the most sensitive, evidence-based care and where employees ... feel they're working for a great organization."

Earlier, Matthews said Smith has changed the culture and the public's perception of the NHS in a good way.

She said appointing a supervisor to oversee the operations of a hospital system is a last resort, but one she felt was necessary for the NHS in 2011. The NHS serves 434,000 residents across 12 municipalities.

"I believe now that the people of Niagara have full confidence in Niagara Health System and that we are absolutely on the right track," she said.

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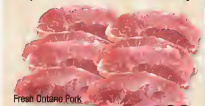
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The Niagara boys were all starters in their games. Chase Oslinga led the charge for the U14 team, scoring four touchdowns in two games and Eddie De La Garza made many tackles on the defensive side of the ball as a linebacker.

After a tough loss against Oklahoma, the U13 Generals rallied back against the San Antonio Outlaws in an epic match under the lights on the Outlaws' home field.

The U13 team were down by two to the half and with the help of Eric Neilson breaking two big runs for touch downs and receiving a two-point conversion, that helped the U13 team secure the win.

Center Markian Hawrylyshyn was flawless on his snaps and blocks.

Defensive Connor Adams made key tackles and Erik Timbers was instrumental on the defensive line making a sack and several tackles.

The final score against San Antonio was 30-20 for the FBU Team Ontario U13.

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Smith has been involved in local projects and he is the former chairman of Friends of Fort Erie Creeks. He is also an award-winning environmental consultant and university professor.

Three-vehicle crash causes minor injuries

A three-vehicle accident at about 7:30 a.m. Monday on Hwy. 406 at Beaverdams Rd., caused the road to be closed for a short period of time so the damaged vehicles could be safely removed from the scene.

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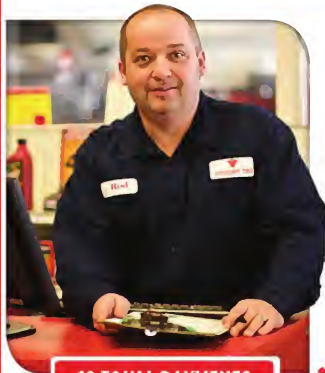
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Salvation Army echoes Pope's call for an end to hunger

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Salvation Army General André Cox is echoing Pope Francis' call to end worldwide hunger.

"I think this call to end hunger affects Fort Erie," community services manager Elliott Innes said.

"We have seen influential leaders (such as the Pope) amongst various groups realize that hunger is really an issue. Not just here in Fort Erie but around the world," Innes said.

Pope Francis has said that worldwide hunger could be eradicated by 2025. Innes agrees it is possible to put an end to hunger.

"I think that humanity needs a paradigm shift. There's more than enough food to go around worldwide," he said.

Innes said one in five parents in 2013 skipped a meal to make sure their children had enough to eat while half all food Canadians used on average ended up as unwanted leftovers.

"It's an imbalance and we can't live like that anymore," he said.

The World Food Programme reports that 842 million people don't have enough to eat and poor nutrition causes about half of the deaths in children under five, Innes added.

To combat hunger, Innes said the Salvation Army is working beside community partners such as Bridges Community Health Centre to make programs that empower people to have nutritious and affordable food.

"The people that come in and get assistance through our food bank or participate in nutrition classes are given the tools they need to win the battle on hunger instead of giving a band aid solution," he said.

"Right now we're in conversations to transition from a local food bank to a community kitchen. The idea is to give people food and talk about how we can stretch it, whether it's using seeds to plant a vegetable garden or how to stretch a budget to purchase food and get through the month."

Innes said there's a lot of work that goes into making

sure everyone has food.

"We want to be able to help people to be able to move toward something that's healthy and does something more than just fill the belly," he said.

Innes has a few sugges-

tions to help fight hunger in Niagara such as donating to local food banks, encouraging political leaders at all government levels to provide funding, and supporting organizations such as the Salvation Army by volun-

teering.

"As long as the need continues to grow, the need for giving needs to step up as well," Innes said.

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Symptoms of menopause can be very uncomfortable. The three most common complaints are hot flashes, insomnia, and vaginal dryness. After the Women's Health Initiative trial many patients discontinued their hormone therapy due to concerns about cardiovascular problems and breast cancer with PREMENSTRUAL and POSTMENSTRUAL. Unfortunately this left many women struggling with their symptoms. Most recent guidelines have emphasized that short-term use of hormone therapy during early menopause may not be that risky. The risk of heart disease is small if hormones are taken within the first 10 years of menopause. Also, evidence indicates that the risk of breast cancer probably doesn't increase when combination hormone therapy is used for only 2 to 3 years. (Of course you should consult your doctor for their opinion on this information).

There are other options if patients do not want to go the traditional route of hormone replacement. The best way to deal with symptoms is to treat them individually.

For patients with hot flashes try non drug options first. Patients should exercise, manage their weight, stop smoking and avoid hot drinks and alcohol. There are some herbal products on the market that can be tried, but in general do not have much evidence for effectiveness. Black cohosh is being used by many women but it does not seem any better than placebo for hot flashes. In addition there have been some reports of liver toxicity with its use. Soy may provide a small benefit. A common dose is 60 grams /day of soy protein from food, or up to 120 mg/day of soy isoflavones from supplements. Evening primrose, dong quai, wild yam, and red clover, chasteberry and ginseng have not been shown to work for hot flashes. There are some prescription drugs that can be tried as well. These include venlafaxine, gabapentin, and clonidine. You can ask your doctor if one of these agents are right for you.

Vaginal dryness can be treated by an over the counter product called REPLENS. If this proves ineffective a local estrogen therapy such as VAGIFEM can be tried.

Insomnia can be treated with a low dose non addictive prescription medication such as ZOPICLONE. An over the counter medication like GRAVOL or BENADRYL can also be used on an occasional basis. Osteoporosis is a real concern for menopausal women not on hormone therapy. Women of this age should make sure they are getting 1500 mg of calcium and 1000 IU of vitamin D daily.

Bio-identical Hormone Replacement is another option for symptom treatment. Hormones used in this treatment are identical to those in the human body. Bio-identical Hormone therapy is very individualized treatment. Patients have their hormones analyzed through a saliva test and then their prescriptions are tailor made to meet their needs. Doses and hormones used are compounded in the pharmacy for each individual depending on their deficiencies and physician's prescription. For further information on this type of treatment please visit our website WWW.BOGGIOS.COM.

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Vertis Communications in Stevensville closed in January, leaving about 100 people without a job.

January

One of the biggest news stories in January was the closure of Vertis Communications on Wednesday, Jan. 9 which put about 100 people out

of work.

In 2012, Vertis had most of its assets acquired by Quad Graphics, another U.S. based company.

About 60 people partici-

pated in the 4th Polar Bear Dip and Chill Challenge by plunging into the icy waters at the Bertie Boat Club on Point Abino Rd. in Crystal Beach

February

open.

Members of the community were invited to submit new names for former General Vanier Elementary School. A committee consisting of parents, school

board representation and a local historian to help decide which suggestions were the best.

The Fort Erie Times moved from a Saturday to a Thursday publication.

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A grass-roots environmental group called The Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society appealed the Ontario Municipal Board's 2012 decision in favour of

the Canadian Motor Speedway in Fort Erie. Fort Erie residents Ashley McDermott and Stephen Carriere were the proud parents of the first baby—a

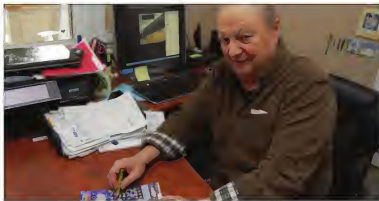
boy—to be born at the new St. Catharines hospital. The Fort Erie Friendship Festival was recognized in the Festivals and Events in Ontario's top 100 lists.

April

Fort Erie resident David Chettie was recognized in the Times for inventing the Lucky Lotto Scratcher. The device, which is the size of a golf pencil, can be used as an alternative to using spare

change to scratch lottery tickets. Fort Erie resident Romeo Daley, a Korean War veteran, was among a group of 30 Canadian veterans who visited Korea to mark the 60th

anniversary of the Korean War. Niagara Region councillor and former longtime Welland NDP MPP Peter Kormos was found dead in his home. Kormos was 60.



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Fort Erie resident David Chettie was recognized in The Times for inventing the Lucky Lotto scratcher.

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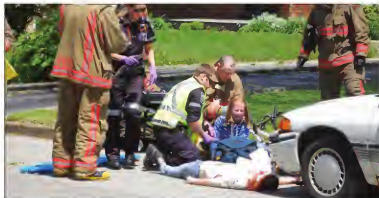
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Fort Erie Secondary students learned the importance of road and driver's safety during a mock crash demonstration.

Thousands flock to the Fort Erie Race Track to celebrate its opening day. The motto during the opening day was 'The Fort Erie Race Track is Alive and Kicking.' Canadian Motor Speedway executives say

they are fed up waiting for the Ontario Municipal Board to render a decision to an appeal on the \$400 million project.

The Fort Erie Fire Department, Niagara Regional Police and

Niagara Emergency Medical Services combined forces to teach Fort Erie Secondary School students about road and driving safety during their annual mock crash demonstrations.

May

June

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero begins putting a plan together for the Kinsmen Pool to be reopened. Conversations with the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit are held to discuss the group taking over the pool's lease from the Town of

Fort Erie.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation announced it will give \$81 million to some horse-racing tracks but the Fort Erie Race Track is left off that list.

The Ontario Racing

Commission confirmed five reports of an outbreak of horse herpes at Woodbine Racetrack, which affected jockeys in Fort Erie. A number of restrictions such as not allowing horses to leave Woodbine were put in place as a precaution.

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The Town of Fort Erie was the first municipality to commit funds to a new south Niagara hospital. Council voted in favour of setting aside \$3 million over an extended period of

time of up to 25 years for the new hospital.

Hundreds of people enjoy a scaled-down affair for the 27th Friendship Festival.

Fort Erie resident Michele

Hastings was saved by her two sons Andrew and Aiden when she suffered a massive heart attack.

The youth performed CPR and assisted until help arrived.

August

The Prince of Wales Stakes Day was held at the Fort Erie Racetrack. It was the first time the race had been held on a Tuesday.

Hundreds of people attended the 27th annual Siege

Weekend at Old Fort Erie. The event featured re-enactors portraying the 1812 era.

Councillors Bob Steckley, John Hill, Paul Collard and Don Lubberts have a court date and taken to court by

former councillor Tim Whitfield, who alleged all four contravened the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act when the Towns of Fort Erie's former director of legal services was terminated last year.



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Hundreds of people enjoyed a scaled-down affair at the 27th Friendship Festival which featured a variety of local musicians.

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The Maid of the Mist in Niagara Falls closed. The iconic attraction was open for 167 years.

Niagara Falls Liberal MPP Kim Craitor abruptly announced he was resigning after almost 10 years as the riding's representative at Queen's Park.

Fort Erie's former chief

September

administrative officer Harry Schlange returned to the Niagara region from a position he held in Ottawa and was named the Niagara Region's chief administrative officer.

The Fort Erie Arts Council held its 9th Red Ribbon Exhibition at the Sanctuary Centre for The Arts in Ridgeway. The event featured about 50 different artists' artwork.

October

After 167 years, the Maid of the Mist, an iconic tourist attraction in Niagara Falls, saw its final day of operation on Oct. 24. It will be replaced by the California-based

Hornblower this Spring. Fort Erie Race Track employees were left wondering the fate of the race-track when they saw its final day of the season which was held in October.

Premier Kathleen Wynne outlined a five-year sustainability plan and a panel of track officials were asked to chart a new course for the Ontario horse-racing industry.

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Police kicked off its Festive RIDE program to conduct spot checks for impaired driving during the holidays.

The Greater Fort Erie Santa Claus parade saw

hundreds of people line the streets in downtown Fort Erie. The event featured more than 70 entries from local schools and community organizations.

December

Joyce Morroco is named the preferred Liberal candidate for the Niagara Falls riding to replace former MPP Kim Craitor. Fort Erie resident John Fulton, also known as

Surfing Santa, set sail on his paddleboard to cross the frigid waters of the Niagara River from Fort Erie to Buffalo to raise awareness for homelessness in the Niagara

region.

South African president Nelson Mandela died and the impact of his death was felt around the world and in the Niagara region.



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Fort Erie resident John Fulton makes his annual trip across the frigid waters of Lake Erie to the U.S. from Canada to raise awareness for homelessness.

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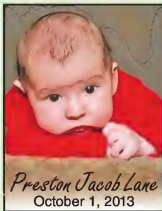
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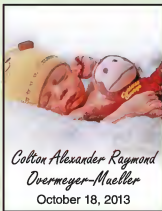
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Collin Stachura
For The Times

Despite losing a six-year veteran, the Fort Erie Meteors found themselves in the win column this past weekend.

The Fort Erie Meteors were charged up after their 4-3 win over the St. Catharines Falcons Friday and took another win Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex, with a 6-3 victory over the Port Colborne Pirates.

Saturday's victory for the Meteors has allowed the team to take the lead in games against the Pirates 3-2 in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Golden Horseshoe Conference.

The Meteors are on a two-game winning streak despite the loss of forward Nik Passero who has been traded to the London Nationals. Although Passero is one of the Meteors' top players and the team's leader, it still doesn't seem to be slowing them down, head coach

Chris Johnstone said.

Johnstone only wishes the former Meteor the best.

"He (Nik) paid his dues here and now he gets a chance to compete with a good playoff team," Johnstone said after Saturday night's game.

The Pirates struck first three minutes into the game

with a goal from Cody Levasseur, Meteors' Mike Boles answered back late in the first to tie the game.

Pirates' Ryall Ledyard scored one goal in the second period before the Meteors took over the scoreboard, scoring four unanswered goals from Bryce Biller, Jack Webb, Richard McMarco



Scoring summary

Period 1

Port Colborne: Cody Levasseur, 3:04
Fort Erie - Mike Boles, 12:57

Period 2

Port Colborne: Ryall Ledyard, 0:53
Fort Erie: Richard DeMarco, 5:25; Mike Boles, 11:30; Bryce Biller, 14:42; Jack Webb, 15:37

Period 3

Fort Erie: Aaron Wanat, 4:42
Port Colborne: Cody Levasseur, 14:36

and Boles.
Meteors' Aaron Wanat with Levasseur's second goal

COLLIN STACHURA Special to The Times
Fort Erie Meteors scored their 5th goal of the night on Port Colborne Pirates goaltender Marcus Hlywak, Making the game 5-2 going into the third period. The Fort Erie Meteors defeated the Port Colborne Pirates 6-3 Saturday night in Fort Erie.

added one more goal early in the third to seal the deal, while the Pirates added one more late in the third period

of the night. With two wins in a row, coach Johnstone attributes the success to "working hard, and great goaltending." He said the Meteors' will need to continue to work hard

especially against the Caledonia Corvairs this coming Friday on the Road. The Meteors will host the Corvairs Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex at 7:30 p.m.

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2. Mail, fax, phone, e-mail or drop off your nominations to The Fort Erie Times 450 Garrison Road, Fort Erie Ontario L2A 1N2 or E-Mail myra.robertson@canm.ca
3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area

Nomination Deadline
Friday February 7th 2014

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The lowest of any bid is not necessarily accepted.

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The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.

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amount of snow that we have
had and living on the corner
of a main road, our driveway
constantly gets a
huge wall of heavy
wet snow at the end of it. I suffer
with chronic back pain and
my husband recently underwent
shoulder surgery. This gentleman
did not hesitate to stop
and help me with
his truck and plow.
He had my driveway
cleared out in
no time. This good deed was
very much appreciated by
myself and my back. Thanks
to him I was able to make it
to work on time and without
a severe backache.

**Brick for roads filled with
craters**

A brick for the maintenance
department in
charge of
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sent.

Bouquet for a dad
A bouquet for my
dad who does all the main-
tenance on my car. He helps me
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what I would do without him.

**Brick for people who send
bricks**
A brick to all the people
who send bricks to people.
Sometimes I read
the bricks that people
submit and it makes me
shake my head. If every-
one was a little nicer to
each other, than we
wouldn't need the need
to send bricks and com-
plain all the time.

**Bouquet for a kind
stranger**

A bouquet for the person
who helped me
carry my groceries to the
car after the bags I
was carrying the other
day broke and the con-
tents of my groceries
spilled all over the park-
ing lot. It was so embarrassing
but I am so glad to have met a
kind person who helped me
gather everything up and put
the groceries in my car. Thank
you.

Brick for people who litter
A brick to the person I saw
throw garbage out of his car
window while he
was driving on
Hwy. 3. When
Spring comes, we'll
no doubt find all the
garbage people
throw out their car
windows as they
drive by. It's abso-
lutely disgusting
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JANUARY 21**EAT SMART**

For your heart. Discover foods to
eat for a healthy heart. Bridges
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Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. 1:30 p.m.
to 3:30 p.m. Call 905-871-7621 for
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JANUARY 28**HEART HEALTHY**

shopping and label reading. Learn
how to read and understand food
labels so you can make wiser
choices about what you eat. 1:30
p.m. to 3 p.m. Bridges Community
Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485
Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621
for more information.

FEBRUARY 12**DEPRESSION WORKSHOP**

Understand the symptoms of
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more information call 905-871-
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ONGOING**SOCIAL GROUP**

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DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage
their diabetes. Feb. 5, 3 p.m. to
4 p.m., Your Eyes and Diabetes,
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CHRONIC PAIN

Learn and use new coping tools or strategies for managing your chronic pain. Feb. 19 to April 2, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call 905-871-7621.

QUIT SMOKING

A two-week workshop to help you quit smoking, including a five week supply of free nicotine replacement therapy available to eligible participants. Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call 905-871-7621.

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All claims against the estate of ERMA ELLEN BURNES, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 6th day of December, 2013, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before the 17th day of January, 2014; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Fort Erie this 19th day of December, 2013.

MARILYN EDITH VAN HEEREN,
Estate Trustee, by her Solicitor,
HAGAN LAW FIRM,
29 Jarvis Street, P.O. Box 68,
Fort Erie, Ontario,
L2A 5M6. 905-871-4440

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the estate of Marie Loucky McKee, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 28th day of November, 2013, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before January 23, 2014; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Fort Erie this 20th day of December, 2013.

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Dated this 3rd day of January, 2014
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Births

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Sarah, Shawn and big brother Brendan happily announce the birth of Rowan Claire. Rowan was born on December 1st weighing 7lbs 4oz. Proud grandparents are Dave and Diane Thomson and Alfred Foster. Undies Andrew, Aaron, Ryan, Aunt Arnie and cousins Avery and Abbot are excited to welcome Rowan into our family. Special thanks to Team A at Saegs Femmes Renaissance Midwifery, Dr. Viljoen and the nursing staff at St. Catharines General Hospital for the safe delivery and care of our sweet little girl.

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In Memoriams

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In memory of a dear father
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SIBBALD, Felicia Christine - Today we mourn the sudden loss of Felicia Christine Sibbald who died January 6, 2014 at the young age of 24. Felicia was an extraordinary young woman - strong enough to keep pace with her father and brother in the family roofing business yet always the doting, loving and kind daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt, cousin, niece and life partner. She is survived by the love of her life, Kimberly George as well as loving mother and father Lesley and Ian Sibbald. Felicia's best friend forever and brother, Chris Sibbald with his wife Lauren and children Isla and Zoey will always keep her close in their hearts. Grandparents, Marion and Ian Sibbald, Allan and Barb Charuk, great grandmother Eleanor Charuk, aunts and uncles Frank and Sheri Jolicoeur and Charles and Colleen Charuk, cousins Stephen Jolicoeur (Samantha and son Connor), Evan Jolicoeur, Hannah and Breton Charuk. Felicia's extended family and sisters Tricia and Shelly along with Dave and Judy George will always love her. Felicia, you will live on forever in our hearts. Your brother Eric George and grandmother Margaret Ann Charuk await you with open arms. Friends may call at the **DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME** 131 Clarence St. St. Port Colborne on Thursday 7:30 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the Davidson Chapel on Friday January 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Online guest register and condolences available at www.davidsonfuneralhome.com



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DeSIMONE, Emelinda "Linde" - Passed away peacefully at the Hamilton Continuing Care Facility on January 9th, 2014 at the age of 90. Predeceased by her husband Vincenzo, her son Luciano and her daughter Maria Celestini. Sadly missed by her grandson Steve (his wife Barbara) Celestini and her granddaughter Ann Celestini. Fondly remembered by her 3 great grandchildren, Julia, Kayla and Colin. Also survived by her son in law Sirio Celestini. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday January 14th from 11 am until time of departure at 12:30 to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church for a 1 pm Mass of Christian Burial. A reception will be held at the Italian Canadian Club following the interment in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.



EMERY, Stanley Arthur - At the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Friday, January 10, 2014, Stanley A. Emery of Stevensville in his 87th year. Predeceased by his beloved wife of 55 years Barbara (2004) and his son Adrian (2012). Husband of Kathy, Dear father of Sandra and her husband Jim Newman, Karen and her husband Mike Gardiff, and Stanley and his wife Julia. Dear papa of Chris, Stephen, Lisa, Jo-Anne, Brian, Ashley and Justin. At Mr. Emery's request there will be no visitation, and Cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to the **LAMPMAN FUNERAL HOME**, 724 Canboro Road, Fort Erie, 905-892-4701. Memorial tributes to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

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STOLL, Otto Richard - May 4, 1920 - Jan 6, 2014. Passed away peacefully on January 6, 2014 at Bella Senior Care, Chippawa. Survived by his spouse, Elisabeth, of 69 years, and sons, Sieghart (Andrea) and Michael (Joan). Proud Papa of Dennis, Matthias, Jennifer (Timothy) and Kevin. Also survived by nieces and nephews in Germany and cousins in the USA. A veteran of WWII, Otto and Elisabeth immigrated to Canada in 1950. Otto worked as a tool & die maker up to the time of his retirement in 1985 when he became interested in oil painting, a hobby that gave him many hours of enjoyment. Special thanks to staff at Bella Senior Care and Queenston Place for the loving care they provided over the past seven years. Friends are welcome to join the family at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridgla Rd. N. Ridgeway, on Thursday, January 16, 2014 between 2 and 3:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at the Williams Chapel at 3:30 pm followed by refreshments. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. www.alzheimer.ca



EGGLETON, Jeffery - Passed away at the Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on Saturday January 11th, 2014 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of the late M. Lorraine (nee Thomas). Proud father of Robert (Rosanne) Eggleton and Christine (Peter) Hatzidakis. Loving grandfather of Makayla, Mitchell, Kosta, Hannah and Sofia. Jeff retired as an Electrician with CN. An active and proud member of the community amongst others, he was a member of the Lions Club, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, The Power Squadron, Meals on Wheels and the Royal Canadian Legion. Jeff has been the proud recipient of many awards including the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, the Outstanding SAAI Achievement Award (N5S) and the CCGA Leadership medal, a Certificate of Merit from the NY State Senate and (with Lorraine) the 2005 Provincial Senior Award. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate Jeff's life will be held on March 8th at 11 am at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Fort Erie.

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Chinese New Year is a traditional Chinese holiday that dates back several centuries. Several myths and traditions are associated with Chinese New Year, which is celebrated in countries across the globe. Those celebrations vary depending on geography, but a focus on family and food is a common theme of celebrants regardless of where they live.

A traditional Chinese New Year celebration will feature a reunion dinner on New Year's Eve. Family members gather for this celebration, which includes a large spread of food featuring dishes of pork, chicken and fish. Specialty dishes that feature meats like duck and Chinese sausage are often reserved for the reunion dinner and other special occasions.

Though Chinese New Year was initially only celebrated within China, it is now observed throughout the world, and celebrations tend to be more grandiose in those communities that feature a large population of those with Chinese ancestry. But celebrants need not be Chinese to enjoy the pageantry of Chinese New Year. For example, San Francisco, Calif. residents, regardless of their ancestry, can enjoy the city's annual Chinese New Year Festival and Parade, which is the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia.

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